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NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, Jr.

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Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) will present Senator Everett H. Dirksen (R-Ill) with an oil portrait of the Illinois law-maker on Wednesday, September 11.

Whalen will make the presentation on behalf of the painter, Charles P. Stevens, of 7057 Bascombe Drive, Dayton (Huber Heights). It will take place at ^{2:45}~~3:00~~ p.m. in S-230, Dirksen's office in the U.S. Capitol.

Stevens, assistant division engineer for the B&O Railroad in Dayton, said he paints as a hobby. The Dirksen painting is his first portrait. He usually does landscapes.

Stevens said he had intended to mail the portrait to Dirksen but asked Whalen to do it for him when he met the Dayton area Congressman at a picnic recently.

What prompted Stevens to do the portrait was a cover picture of the Illinois Senator on Newsweek magazine earlier this year.

"I liked the lines in his face," Stevens said, "and I decided to paint it. I thought it would make an interesting portrait."

Stevens started painting about two years ago. He said he had taken some courses while in college.

A native of Indianapolis, Stevens, 38, has resided in the Dayton area since 1963.